

MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

Monday, 15th June 1964.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA, B.A., B.L.) in the Chair.

Member sworn.

Sri R. S. HEGDE (Honnavar).

CONDOLENCE REFERENCE Re : THE DEMISE OF PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—Sir, may I ask your permission today to perform a sorrowful and sacred duty of paying homage of this Assembly to the memory of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India and Leader of the Nation? He passed away on the 27th of last month; and the reaction all in the world over, not only in India, but outside, to his death, is an indication of the love, reverence, regard, respect and affection with which the world has looked upon him all these years. In fact, Sir, no person in recent history has received that amount of respect from all nations of the world. Even China admitted his greatness and expressed its sorrow over his passing away. We have lost a great leader so far as this country is concerned, a leader politically, socially and economically. As a great leader of thought, he was one of the leaders India has been producing from age to age. He is one of those whose memory will live for centuries and centuries and for thousands of years. It is a great loss to us.

Sir, his services to this great nation have been stupendous. He entered the political arena when he was very young, having come fresh from his college from England. He came under the influence of the greatest thinker of his day, Mahathma Gandhi, and influenced by him, he got into the political struggle. Prior to independence he was one of the most uncompromising fighters and his voice was heard during the struggle period not only in India but outside.